

# **Highshore School Council meeting minutes**

**22.09.17**

Attendees – Ali (7E), Ashea (7L), Haylie (7S), Tiarnie (8) Tristan (Garnet) Alfie(8/9L) Omar (8/9S) Elsie (9), Khadija (10M), Peter (11A), (11M), Chelsy (12/13C), Marcel (12/13 JO), Davion( 12/13JU), John(13/14A), Jack (14C)

Eileen welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them that listening is as important as talking. People need to talk slowly and clearly and take turns.

## **Discussion**

### **After School Clubs**

- Some students felt that clubs weren't long enough and would like them to be about one and a half hours long
  - Eileen explained that it costs more money to run longer clubs, we will need to raise money for the school before this could happen. Film Club starts next week and that is a longer club
- Some students would like a Boxing club in the school
- Some of the girls would like a girls' football club whilst others are happy in a mixed club. Millwall football club organise girls' football and may be coming back to work with us
- A lot of students are interested in a Coding Club – Sue will look into this, possibly at lunchtime

### **School lunch**

- Some students would like the school to serve Halal food
  - Eileen explained that unfortunately Halal food is very expensive. We would have to raise the cost of school meals by a lot of money. There is always a vegetarian option and often fish as well.
- A lot of students would like bigger portions at lunchtime in all parts of the school.
  - Eileen will go with some school council reps to talk to the cooks about giving bigger portions. Nick reminded everyone that they can take some bread, salad and vegetables

### **Quiet Area**

Students are keen to have a "Quiet Area" in the playground, somewhere to calm down and relax. It was suggested that we make 'Terry's Bench' into a Quiet Area.

### **Books**

- Garnet would like more games and books in their classroom. – Nick told everyone that there will be 500 new books coming to the school. - Eileen

reminded everyone about the mobile library if people want to take a book home.

## **Computers**

- Some computers are quite slow, others haven't been charged when they come to use them. – Some of the wires are missing which also makes charging a problem. – Nick asked all School Council reps to encourage other students to charge laptops properly.
- Two I Pads have been lost - we will need to raise money to replace them.
- Some ideas for fundraising were suggested:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Formers Enterprise
  - Bake Sales
  - Jack Petchey Award

## **Trips**

- Some students would like more trips and theme days, everyone at the meeting said that they enjoyed them

## **Bullying and rude words**

- Students are worried about bad/ unkind words being used in the playground and that younger students might copy this. People at the meeting came up with ideas about what we can do to stop it:
  - School Council members can be role models for other people by always speaking politely
  - We could do an assembly and make a poster about this
  - Tell an adult if you hear rude/ unkind words
- People have seen bullying and heard name calling in the playground. Nick said that bullying is not a one off thing when people fall out. Eileen and Nick are making a leaflet about bullying. People talked about what to do if we see bullying.
  - Tell an adult
  - Tell PC Trevor
  - Talk to parents

## **Crime**

Nick talked about a meeting that he had been to with Eileen at Southwark Council. The meeting was about knives and knife crime. School Council Reps talked about their own experiences of seeing crime outside school. Eileen would like to talk to Independent Travellers about their experiences.

Council members were given their badges for this year.

Thank you to everyone for great talking and listening!

Reps please discuss the meeting in your form group. Remember to wear your badge every day.